OUR PUMBERS B will be warmer today. BLANE'S ATTITUDE.

RAND RAPIDS HERALD

agton this morning that seliticans are playing a game of . If it be true that Mr. as reiterated the contents of er to Mr. Clarkson, written in y, it ought to settle once for of the Minneapolis conventhat he shall not be a candidate it is enthusiasm run made to profurther belief that be will finally Mr. Blaine can have the on if he will. He towers above and every candidate in point larity and his name will excite uldest demonstrations of delight r mentioned in a republican ing of representative men. In city of New York last evening he before a delegation of newsmen in all the vigor of sturdy shood. He expressed himself d the enthusiasm of all about by exciting the hope that he will he standard bearer of his party. to of these favorable aspects of case, the people are confronted his solemn assurance that be what he wrote to Mr. Clarkson in view of this the question naturally can the politicians use him as a stone upon which to defeat and then nominate Alger? ne are to juggle with the of the convention there may be og in the query-if they are to do so the logic of votes is inevited for the nomination of Blaine. will have it; if not, then Presi-Harrison will be renominated.

EUSSIAN NIBILISTS.

ng by their past failures, the onds of secrecy under which at their odious ruler. Theent attempts upon the lives of have pover aided the cause civil liberty, and never will. To befear and apprehension serves only invite extreme measures for re-motion and punishment. In these the at suffer with the guilty. Siand its horrors are but the fruits mlawful violence. If the nihilists il strike at systems rather than a, and do it above board, the by with them. But to secretly an the death of a tyrannous monb, and in executing that plan imperil the lives of inoffenduntrymen, the condemnation of world is sure to follow. Let nibilists forcewear the use dynamite and brave no greater dan then to insist on redress for longed hardships, and the world will n a yielding ear to their sufferings ed compel a radical concession from ich feer and the instinct of selfn then from inborn cruelty or ricious disposition. Either this and leut suffering until their rights are red or else an open rebellion waged r home and liberty. The espionage d by the government may seem render either course impracticable if possible, but dynamite and outange are poor substitutes for the im-Nihilism in Russia may see some spology, but it is as offento as at present revenied as snarchy in our own country.

SES IN VALUES. "We fail to keep pace in our judgents," says Henry Clews, "with the sern quicker pace of events, and fore the degree of recovery aldy attained from the break-up of 0.01 is very imperfectly appreciated. ardiness of comprehe however, prevented the facts from g expression in market values; me some do not understand causes of the improvement, they to that the rise in values is pre-But nevertheless, although neave' may be acting upon a be denied that they have lately had er band; and their success must ed. A vigorous 'bear' camhowever, usually culminates in id market, and if the overis carried to excess, naturally upward reaction follows. The at danger of large short sales and se of holders lie in the possibilof just such an over-doing. The rent terms for borrowing a wide pe of stocks indicate an unusually a "short" interest outstanding. present symptoms, therefore, it find it was to moderate their std. the other side will have a of sliowing what surprises it in reterve: and we advise moders.

and out operations for the coming week will prove the safest and most profitable."

EXTRAVAGANT ROLL Our German cousins stand smeased in

the presence of the unrestrained protisollerns have inherent in their blood a tendency toward the extravatements of war or in the calm of profound peace. The royal nibs who now holds the sceptre seems determined to emphasize this family characteristic in the lavish expenditure of 300,000 marks for a sumptuous private railway train, a veritable palace on wheels, and a like enormous sum for a Nor-wegian castle, or block house, surrounded by a magnificent park.

The emperor of Germany unites in
his character the odious qualities of
Charles II and Louis XI. His English other is a shining example of royal farsightedness in the matter of enues. But she is sufficiently wise to know her people will pay a snug sum to the sovereigns who keep their hearts free from a thirst for power. The Hanovers were brought to England with that very idea. A desire for politcal power and plethoric coffers may run up a debt that will stagger with awe the already amazed subjects of William, whose lavishness is as ununded as his schemes are unstable.

NEW REVENUE CUTTER. It is more than probable that within a few weeks the government will au-thorize the building of a revenue cut-ter to replace that caricature of a modern war vessel, the Andrew Johnoa: For more than a quarter of a century this side wheel steamer has ione service on the lakes as a war ves sel. Built on a now obsolete plan, it is astonishing the amount of actual serice this vessel has done. During the last six and a half years the Andrew Johnson has cruised 52,558 miles, her men have boarded 8105 vessels, seized 453 vessels, from which penalties aggregating \$107,143 were collected. The vessel to replace the Andrew Johnson will measure 450 tons displacement will be 180 feet long, 30 feet beam, and will cost not less than \$150,000, or the amount of the appropriation yet to be agreed to by the house. It will be a two-masted screw propeller, with a minimum speed of not less than tifteen knots per hour. In all respects it will be a first-class modern revenue cutter and will be built just within the treaty provisions of 1817. The lake commerce has grown so enormously that it is little short of ridiculous to expect one vessel to do the work of five, and to this extent it would seem that that number of cutters could be profitably

ONE or the handsomest invitations issued by the Furniture Men's associaof the oppressed can never be tion is that sent out requesting the atlocal body, at the meeting of the Na-tional association to be held here July 12-13. The committees are made up exclusively of enterprising and enthuiastic manufacturers and capitalists, but the press, which is to give the meeting more attention and notoriety than any other agency, is omitted from the lists. This is probably due to an overeight, which the press will pass over without a second thought and give the oig meeting, and the newspaper men d's sentiment will be enlisted in who will come here to report its proceedings, a cordial and sincere wel-

> Tun Lake Carriers' association of Cleveland has adopted a memorial to the United States senate, protesting against the proposed reduction of the item in the river and harbor bill for the deep water channel. Grand Rapids people have no cause to protest against the reduction of the item for the improvement of Grand river.

ONLY under the refined and chastenng influences of nineteenth century civilization would a cultured public be found that would gorge itself on \$2,000,000 worth of nauseous cable dispatches concerning the notorious Deeming. Yet this is the price that the great London dailies paid for the columns they have published.

THE Inter Ocean sagely remarks that Chicago has law enough it it were enforced. Chicago is very much like other cities in that respect. If the money and time spent in enacting new laws were devoted to the enforcement of the old, city governments would be revolutionized-but it will never hap-

So COMPLETELY have the New Orleans street car strikers mastered the situstion that the despatches announce that "car is a curiosity" on the streets. There have been times in other cities under like circumstances when the street cars were more than a curiosity, attracting more attention than a circus.

ELEVEN young ladies have miled to Euseia to distribute funds to the famine sufferers; but no notice has been received of any young ladies sailing for lows to aid the flood sufferers. The hunger of the poor foreigner is always more intense than that of the starving native, you know.

Ir has cost nearly three million dellars to make the street car service of Grand Rapide what it is, but there is shody who will my that the result obtained is not worth the millions exended-not even the stockholders.

Ar least a thousand of Victor Hugo' old letters were found the other day, no one knowing of their existence previous to the discovery. Perhaps this was the cine from which Clarkson gut his idea of the bogus Grant letter.

State has removed the probibition against the importation of American on in buying until the next drift in pork. Step by step the American hog

the tide plainly shows itself. Daily in advances with the American betrees in securing the endorsement of European

> Now that dam Small has joined the Farmere' Alliance in Georgia, it may be expected that he will drop his socks and announce himself as a candidate

> "THE lower lake region" is respectfully informed that no rain has fallen for the past twenty-four hours.

TRIBUTE TO GEN. PIERCE.

It has not been entirely smooth sailing at the Soldiers' home in Grand Rapide under the present administration. Captain Manly of Ann Arbor was hardly installed as commandant when embarrassments and disagreements set in between him and the quartermaster, resulting in his dismissal. And now the same quartermaster is in trouble, charged by an inmate with furnishing the soldiers oleomargarine in violation of the state law. Quartermaster Shank was arrested on Tuesday under this charge, and he will be examined on the 3let. It must be said that the republicans, with that galiant soldier, Gen. B. R. Pierce, in command at the home, conducted it much more satisfactorily.—Jackson Star. TRIBUTE TO GEN. PIERCE.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Muldoon's Picnic" is the attraction Redmond's for this week, which is the concluding week of the season. They claim it is a new version, and it is; so are the people who try at playing it. The audience on Sunday evening was in a constant merry mood. The first matines will be given today.

Manager Smith has some unusually trong twins in the olio, which was preented at his theater last evening. or etta was his premier card, and the aring grial artist was given an enthulastic reception. Matiness will be in refer tomorrow, Friday and Saturday.

It is now fitting to say a word about Manager Burroughs. His friends, who are legion, are one in accord that he should have a benefit. He deserves one. He has ever been courteous, obliging and even self-ascrific, even under perplexing and trying circumstances. All men and women and children who are patrons of this theater will unite in testifying that they have been treated at all times with polite consideration, and good order has always been the rule. Manager Burroughs has been persistent in the enforcement of this persistent in the enforcement of this rule. It would be an oversight in this connection not to express the gratitude of the newspaper men who are under obligations, for the ever prevalent courtesy of this truly genial manager. For the same pleasant considerations Mr. Burroughs' reliable heutenants, Treasurer De Lamater and Head Door-tender Ellis Gray, are deserving of kindly recognition for many favors and cour-tesies. Now let Mr. Burroughs name the date of his benefit.

peculiarity. Mr. Henschel played the accompaniments, essaying the double role of vocalist and accompanist. The program was a good one, embracing gems from Cimarosa, Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, Liszt, Schubert, Boieldieu, Schumann and others. Mrs. Henschel was very well received. Her voice is not powerful, but it is sweet and her art is great. Mr. Henschel has a baritone of wonderful quality and his enunciation is perfect. Nothing finer has ever been heard here than his version of "The Erl-King," as presented last night. In the double numbers they were particularly happy in the "Gondoliers," and the closing number, the duetto buffo from "Don Pasquale."

SOLDIERS' HOME EXERCISES.

How Memorial Day Will Be Observed by

orial Day will be observed at the Soldiers' home by the two commands of Union Veterans' union with appropriate exercises. At 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon a procession will form at the home in the following order: H. N. Strong command No. 63, W. P. Innis command No. 41, John A. Logan post G. A. R. No. 1, veterans of the home, fifty school children and citizens. They will march to the home cemetery and on reaching the monument an address will be delivered by Judge M. Brown of Big Rapids. Music will be furnished by a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fyfe and two others yet to be secured. Commandant McKee of the home will act as president of the day. W. P. Innis command has had a very pretty Memorial Day badge made for the occasion. It contains a picture of General Innis, after whom the command was named. priate exercises. At 2:30 o'clock in the

Eurprised at Talmage. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hydorn of Tal-Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hydorn of Talmage, Ottawa county but formerly of this city, were surprised by a number of their friends and neighbors May 22, the occasion being the fortieth anniversary of their marriage. Among those present were their sons and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wright and family of Talmage, Mr. and Mrs. George Burch and family of Lamont, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Waldron and family of Cherry street, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hydorn of Hogsdone avenue and Misses Nellie and Hattie Hydorn. After a spiendid lunch the Hydorn. After a spiendid lunch the guests took their leave, wishing the happy couple many more years of married life, and leaving many handsome and useful presents to remind them of the happy occasion.

New York for Cleveland. The Hon, E. T. Ransom of Nisgara Falls, on his return from a trip in the west, spent Sunday with his brother, O. C. Ransom. He is a strong Cleve-iand democrat, and is active in politice in western New York. He says Cleve-land has a strong following in that state west of the Hudson river.

Pell from a Beaffold.

John C. Robinson, a carpenter em ployed on a building near the corner of Eleventh and Scribner streets, sustained a severe fracture of one of his limbs by falling from a scaffold yesterday morning. He was taken to St. Mark's hospital in the ambulance.

Vesterday noon W. A. McLaughlie. reet, had a collision with a horse even by Mr. C. B. Clark. Mr. Mc.

LIFE IN THE CAMP

Mrs. Custer Talks of Garrison Life on the Plains

ITS JOYS AND HARDSHIPS

How the Wives of the Army Officers Endured the Dull Routine of Camp Life in the Far West.

Nearly every seat in the Ladies' Literary club house was taken before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the hour seigned for the opening of the lecture by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Custer, widow of he famous and galiant soldier whose life was sacrificed at the Little Big Horn. The stage was beautifully draped with the national flag, and was further adorned with red and white tulipe.

Mrs. Custer was introduced by Mrs. Smith W. Osterhout, the lecture being given under the auspices of Mrs. Osternout's "Ten" of the Park Congregational church.

Mrs. Custer is a modest, unassuming little woman, and she speaks without any attempt at elecutionary effect. She was attired in a simple gown of black with white collar and cuffs. She wore black gloves and a bunch of white roses. She announced the subject of the lecture as a talk upon "Garrison Life," and proceeded directly to the topic. She said:

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A military day begins with the boom of the gun. The reveille is a beautiful sound or would be if it came at any other time. With the boom of the guns the garrison flags are unfurled to the breeze. It seems a small affair for so great a ceremony, but the sargeant and his men do not think so, for precision on the field is attained by precision in the garrison. The day ends much in the garrison. The day ends much as it began and the stars and stripes are almost obscured by the smoke of the powder. The sun rises and sets by the boom of a gun and the twelve hours which intervene are well filled.

Their Affection for Horses, It would take a volume to tell of an old soldier's affection for his horse. Oftentimes on a cold night he will deny h mself the shelter of his blanket and wrap it about the shivering animal; then again when water is short and there seems hardly enough to moisten the throats of the soldiers an old man will alve also his content into old man will slyly slip his canteen into a stream, then empty it into his hat and offer it to his horse, who is clever enough to drink from so small a receptacle, even though the drops are sufficient only to cool his parched mouth. It frequently happens on a long march that the backs of the horses become street was many tayors and courted the date of his benefit.

SWEET VOICED SINGERS.

The Henschels Score a Fine Triumph in Hartman's.

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Mr. and Mrs. Georg Henschel sang at Hartman hall last night. There were many who did not know it. Those who attended enjoyed a treat not often afforded music lovers in this city. The recital was unique from one point of view. It is soldom that vocal stars appear before the world as acknowledged husband and wife. There was another poculiarity. Mr. Henschel played the scooppaniments, ceasying the double strong it were tacked on to the affection of an interest of the strength of the state and the state at the state and the state at t descend and tramp many a weary mile to relieve the horses. It is impossible to convey to you more than an idea of the affection of an old soldier for his so that the building often looked as though it were tacked on to the chimney. Then there is another style of house, if it can be called such, occuof house, if it can be called such, occu-pied by army people. It is called the "dugout," and consists of a hole dug into the ground and roofed over with boards, these boards being the remains of the boxes in which hardtack and bacon had been shipped to the officers.

They Need Their Wives, It never becomes an old story to a military man that his wife makes sacrifices for him. They are the best husbands in the world and are free to admit that their wives are needed. When the anow fell early in October the soil was invisible until the May following. of course, during the winter, sleighing was a great resource and it was of no use to protest that you did not like it. You always went when the invitation was extended.

Military men have an etiquette of
never speaking of their wounds. But never speaking of their wounds. But their wives are not so hampered. They can retail every ache and pain. Our life was one largely of leisure. Living the simple life that we did with the the simple life that we did with the servants to do the work we had no opportunity to become accomplished housekeepers, and the officers were always averse to our doing any work. They expected us always to be ready to go for a walk or a drive. We could not study, for we had no library. The paper covered novel was always with us. The difference between social and official conference between officers is very marked, and after the close of official troubles no one would ever refer to them any more than he would to the family skeleton. to the family skeleton.

Chauge in Garrison Life,

When we could leave garrison and go east for a visit the officers would be seech us to have a good time and then come back and tell them all about it. Frontier garrisons are not now so inaccessible owing to the five lines of Pacific railways which cut up into comcific railways which cut up into com-paratively narrow strips the Great American desert. I have purposely avoided all reference to the sad part— the other side of our life.

No one can know what we suffered by way of anxiety—anxiety all through the winter that the apring was com-ing—the apring when the regiments were to march away without knowing when they would come back. Then when they would come back. Then the months and months when we would hear nothing of our loved ones, months of anxiety that aged us prematurely. Mrs. Custer spoke rapidly and at great length, but every word was followed with close attention by the large audience. Her voice is exceedingly musical, and witty lituatrations of gar-rison life told simply but effectively, created ripples of frequent laughter.

BACK FROM THEIR TRIP. The Press Club Committee Returns from

Niagara Falls. President L. G. Stuart, J. W. Hannen and F. J. Adams, constituting the committee that went to Niagara Falis to make arrangements for hotel accommodations for the Fress club excursionists, arrived home yesterday. "We had a very successful time, both from a business and pleasure standpoint," remarked Mr. Stuart to a reporter for The Henald last evening. "We arrived home after a trip of only twenty-five hours. We left home Saturday evening and upon arrival at the falis the next morning it took about an hour to do the hotels and then we started out to see the sights. At the rear of the lag hotel and from the government balleony we could look over upon the falis proper, and up to the Hormschoe falis, at the end of the balcony one can mittee that went to Niagara Falls to

stick a came or umbrella into the water as it comes over and falis 168 feet upon the pile of great boulders below. A separation of dizziness overcomes one as he looks down into the great rushing mass of water and an almost irresstible desire is felt to jump over and go down with it. Many travelers have spoken of this feeling and it may account for the many unexplainable suicides which occur there every year. By going into a little stone building we stood at the upper end of a long inclined timnel, in which the government operates a line of cable cars, carrying passengers below for 10 cents. The ride is steep and a timid person feels afraid all the time for fear the cable will break, but we arrived asfely at the will break, but we arrived safely at th will break, but we arrived safely at the bottom. By climbing over a rough path we stood almost under the great talls, where the mist fell like heavy spray. The roar of the water man great that you can hardly hear a yell a few feet away. After we returned to the platform an official showed us where Captain Webb went over the falls in a barrel, only to lose his life in the rapids below. He said it had been reported that one man went aver the falls safely and lived, but the officials there always doubted it.

carriage and were taken to the rapids, a half mile or so down the river. The river roars and rushes through a deep canon, with the banks rising up like great walls of rock over a hundred feet high. The only way to get down to the water from the top of the banks is by means of private elevators and chutes. We went down and down until it seemed as if we never would stop, but were finally let out of the cage at the water's edge. The rapids are as great a sight as the falls themselves, the water's foaming and rising high in the air, forming a wild scene. Below a little farther is the whirlpool, where the eddies go 'round and 'round, down and up, and one can readily believe what the officials say about the water being up, and one can readily believe what the officials say about the water being over a hundred feet deep. Photographs are numerous all over the place, especially at the rapids, and the dealers do a land-office business. They have a novel scheme for taking groups, and it takes well. They place the victims upon a rock or a collection of rocks, with a big white sheet for a background so that nothing else is taken. Then, by means of some process, they can place the group on a rock above or below the falls, on Goat island, at the rapids or anywhere they desire, just as if they had been shot at all those places.

"In the anops and stands there is no limit to the bead work and the fair young ladies in attendance unhesitatingly assert that it was all made there, even to the silver souvenir

tatingly assert that it was all made there, even to the miver souvenir spoons which bear Roger Bros.' mark on the back. The souvenirs are fully as dignified and majestic in price as the river is by nature and we didn't buy any. It's cheaper to buy trinkets at home, put them in your value and tell your friends that you bought them at Niagara. After we boarded the train at 3 o'clock, to return, we began figuring upon expenses. We find that a man can leave Grand Bapids, see at all the sights, live well, and return on less than \$5. Even at that figure we have allowed him a couple dollars for incidentals. If he wants to take a lunch basket with him when he leaves home, he can get along much cheaper. There are restuarants there where

HOW THEY DIFFERED.

A True Story About a Big Rapids

When the war was launched at Fort Sumpter in 1861, Billy Ferguson of Big Rapids was living in the little town of Owego, New York. This onslaught on Sumpter aroused Billy's patriotism to a fever heat. He enrolled as a volunteer in the Third infantry of that state, went to the front and in due state, went to the front and in due time was hotly engaged in the vocation of shooting the Potomac army. At the close of the war he resoved to migrate westward. In the early months of '66 he snatched his pack-all, boarded the train and never quit going until he arrived in Big Rapids, Mich. A few months, however, tended to soften his ardor so laudable in his endeavors to subdue the wilderness, and he determined to retrace his steps back to his own Owego.

he determined to retrace his steps back to his own Owego.

Billy was a bright young man, it became known throughout the corporate limits of Owego. Billy was also a republican. Once on an appointed time the republicans of Owego, in convention assembled, nominated Billy Ferguson for city treasurer. He was elected by big odds. But the tug of war was yet to come. He must produce a bondsman whose check was good for \$111,000. That was a big pile of cash. Tom Platt, then a rising young statesman and the possessor of several hundred thousand dollars, promptly placed his hand and seal to the bond and Billy was inaugurated.

congress. He grew till he outgrew its house. The legislature elected him to the United States senate, and he became the colleague of Roscoe Conkling. Tom soon became a power in the sen-ate. Senator Conkling took issue with President Garfield over the collectorship of the port of New York. Platt made ship of the port of New York. Platt made common cause with his senior. The administration came out ahead, Conkling got mad and resigned. Platt wasn't mad, but he wanted to show the country and the world generally that he was officially tire!. But where was Billy Ferguson? He had long since retired from office in Owego, returning to Big Rapids in 1875. He has resided there ever since. Big Rapids citizens learned in due time that he was an honest man. They elected him to honest man. They elected him to divers positions of trust. Last spring they elected him treasurer of Big Rapids. Doubtless Tom Platt would have come all the way to sign the second bond had it been necessary, but it was not. Billy is doing the office to the entire satisfaction of republicans and democrats alike, while his old friend Tom Platt is engaged in the thankless vocation of making presidents and suggesting cabinets.

The Press Club Excursion

Take advantage of the Grand Rapide Press club excursion to Niagara, June 1. It will cost you but \$6.00 for the round trip fare, and \$2.00 per day at the hotels. It's the sight of a life-time, you know, and this is the first and only you know, and this is the first and only low rate excursion of the season to the world's greatest natural wonder. The train will leave the D., G. H. & M. depot Wedneday, June 1, at 7 a. m., and will stop at the following named Canada points: Woodstock, St. Catherine's, Windsor, London, Ingersol, Paris, Harrisburg and Hamilton. Tickets for sale at all newspaper offices, the D., G. H. & M. city ticket office, and by all members of the Press cith. All tickets good until the fellowing Monday.

WHAT IS THE BEST

Mr. Shaarf Discusses Different **Paving Materials**

BUFFALO LEADS THE WORLD

It Has More Miles of Asphalt Pay Than Any Other City-The Rapid Improvement of Our Streets.

S. R. Shaarf of the Warren Shaarf Asphalt Paving company returned to Washington last night. Mr. Shaarf has been in the city for a few days looking after the company's interests here. At about the paving business with a re-porter for THE HERALD, he said: "I have seen statements lately that Paris had more asphalt pavement than an other city in the world. This is a mis take. Both Buffalo and Washingto have more square yards of aspit than Paris. Buffate has about a b dred miles and keeps putting it do

"I think the American cities are giving more attention to the paving of their streets than they ever did before. American atrects have been sadly neglected and this was painfully true in New York. Good pavements of any sort were scarce. It is a difficult matter to lay a good pavement and it is a question that every city ought to investigate thoroughly. The manner in which the pavement is laid is the test of its durability. The best paving material to be had will avail nothing if it isn't put down in a scientific mauner. That is one reason that many people have been prejudiced against asphalt. They have seen it where it had not been laid properly. Now, in my opinion asphalt is the ideal paving material. It is durable, clastic, and can easily be replaced. If properly laid, its concrete foundation ought to last forever; then when the asphalt itself wore out it could be replaced at a small expense—only about a dollar and a half a yard. Another feature about asphalt paving is that it ought to be kept clean. The less dirt there is on it the better it will wear.

"Last year we put down about 500 000."

"Last year we put down about 500,000 yards of the pavement and shall put down as much or more this year. We intend to take all the contracts we can fulfill. It takes an immense amount of asphalt to lay 100,000 yards of pavements." of asphalt to lay 100,000 yards of pavement. The quantity of asphalt imported from Trinidad every year is enormous, but there is no danger of the supply's ever giving out. All of that material in this country comes from there. There are no deposits in this country. There are some pitchy deposits in Kentucky or Tennessee; but the stuff resembles a crude petroleum more than it does asphalt. It is of little value in paving. The Trinidad asphalt is the only servicable kind. From all indications there will be more asphalt pavement laid this season than ever before. We shall put in bids on the work that will be done in Grand Rapids this year."

Jesse Church, the well-known Green-ville banker, is a guest at Sweet's. Mr. and Mrs. Henschel were guests at the Morton during their brief experience in Grand Rapids.

S. W. Stein of Allegan and G. T. Miller of Hastings dined at Sweet's yes-

The work of laying the tile in the annex to the office at Sweet's was begun yesterday. It will be completed this week.

DIED IN THE HOSPITAL. William Conrad Suddenly Expires

St. Mark's.

William H. Conrad died at St. Mark's hospital yesterday morning. Mr. Conrad had been suffering from an intestinal abscess for some time, and his attending physicians had informed him that it was of a serious nature, and if it were not removed it would soon burst and death would inevitably follow. Acting under the advice of his physicians he went to St. Mark's hospital. Vanderweden captured first prize J. Vanderweden captured first prize Acting under the advice of his physicians he went to St. Mark's hospital Saturday morning for the purpose of having the operation performed. In the afternoon Drs. Boise, Shulrz and Lupinski laid open the abdominal cavity, with the intention of removing the troublesome abscess or tumor. On examination they discovered the disease to be of a more serious nature than was anticipated and that its removal would cause instant death; therefore the operation at that time was moval would cause instant death; therefore the operation at that time was absoloned. The intestines were in a state of intense inflammation, which must have been in progress for several months. The inflammation was so great that adhesion of the intestines was noticed in several places. When it was found to be impossible to remove the difficulty with safety, the incision was stitched together and the nation was left feeling quite comfortincision was statched together and the patient was left feeling quite comfortable. He continued to improve until yesterday morning, when he was taken suddenly worse and soon died. An examination after death revealed the fact that the abscess had broken, and its contents had filled the abdominal cavity, causing death, as he had been warned it would do by his physicians.

The deceased was one of the best known furniture men in this city. He was 33 years old and had worked for a number of years for the Warden Furniture company as a bookkeeper and principal assistant to Mr. Warden. He was highly respected by his employers and Mr. Warden was with him at the time of his death. About two months ago he removed to Newaygo with his wife and

death. About two months ago he removed to Newaygo with his wife and two little children. His sudden death was a sad surprise to his family and many friends in the city. A short time before the examination for an operation was made he said he had suffered from his atlment much more than his friends were aware of, as he had complained as little as possible. Dr. Boise, who assisted at the operation, has been in poor beath for some time, and in pursuance to a long con-

time, and in pursuance to a long con-templated vacation, left last evening for Fortress Monroe, where he will remain for ten days.

ADJOURNED TILL OCTOBER. The Ministers' Conference Cio

The Rev. A. E. Wells opened to ministerial conference with a chapter of scripture yesterday and the Rev. T.

G. Smith led in prayer.

The Rev. A. M. Gould, chairman of the committee on revision of the constitution, submitted the final report in relation to programs, providing that hereafter programs shall embrace re-

ASSAULTED BY "HOBOS." Patrolman Tetros Knocked

The notorious "hebo" gang added another to their already iss of acts of wanton wickedness. night about 11:30 Patrolman To while on duty on beat No. 10, inter in a fight between two members or gang near the corner of litraught Veto streets. He arrested the paparts and had the handcuffs on others when he measured for or others.

The wagon was sent and Tatros we brought to headquarters. He presents a sorry spectacle as he was led in headquarters. His cost was literal soaked with blood which was stressing from the numerous wounds on head and face.

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Tatroe thinks he would recognize the men should he see them, although the fight took place in a dark spot.

The hoboe gang is composed of young men between the ages of eighteen and twenty who aspire to be considered "tough." Their base of operations is confined to the west aide near the "big duch."

Between I and 2 o'clock this morning Alex Adams, Edward Trog, William Murphy, Fred Clifton and William Murphy, Fred Clifton and William Mitchell were arrested on suspicion of having made the assault. One of the men had a razor concealed in his clothes when arrested.

BELLING THE EFFECTS.

Lively Bidding for the Remains of the Owashtonong.

The Owashtonong club rooms preented a unique and picturesque ap-

bidding brick; but many rare and beau-tiful imported articles went for less than the import duties. A magnificent water color by Hans Von Beer went for a ridenously low price.

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Landlord Pantinu of the Morton was a heavy buyer, as were Andrew Fyfe, Don J. Leathers and I. M. Weston. I. M. Turner conducted the sale.

RECEIVED THE MEDALS

sults of the Y. M. C. A. Prize Contra

The closing gymnasium contest of the boys' classes of the Young Men's Christian association took place at the

J. Vanderweden captured first prise by a score of 85 points. W. D. McKindry, second, by a score

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Lawrence Vandier and Clinton Harley, a tie for third, 85 points.

G. H. Dividson, fourth, 82 points.

C. L. Lockwood, fifth, 61 points.

The boys' classes in athletic work will meet Wednesdays at 8:30 p. m. and Saturdays at 10 a. m.

The grounds are now in excellent condition and a good clay tennis court is ready for use.

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The regular classes in athletics have been commenced and take place Mordays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4.0 and 6:45 p. m.

Secured a Big Contract.

The largest contract that has every been made in this city for electric fixtures was awarded by the Michigan Trust company's building committee to the Peninsular General Electric company of 97 Ottawa street for the new ten. story Trust company block. Mr. A. G. Hodenpyl of the Trust company says that the fixtures chosen are of wrought iron, solid plain in design, at the same time graceful. There were many designs submitted, but his company considered those chosen most appropriate and the price most favorable. Another matter of moment was the fact that, put in by the Peninsular General Electric company, there would be 10 that, put in by the Peninsular General Electric company, there would be it doubt that the fixtures would be properly wired and insulated, as the Peninsular Electric company wired the building in a workmaniste manner, and will carry out the work on the fixtures in the same way. There will be marrly seven hundred fixtures, most of them combination. The Trust company oxpects to occupy the building in about a month.

Last Bight's Piros.

The fire department was called out it 7:30 inst evening by a call from the actors of the Bissel Carpet Sweeper company. The biase started in tow room and was easily extinguish. The call from box No. 154 last nj was caused by the burning of a n house on Hanever court, Skinns addition, owned and occupied. Charles Gill, The family were away the time of the fire. The loss, iss ance and cause of fire are onknown.

Maxim, the inventor of the Migun, one of the greatest of American, explanes in the June mopolitan how it is possible to I without further discussion a flying chips which will travel through that the rate of 100 miles per hour; without the aid of gas.